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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of  
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Sir:

Please amend the newly submitted application described above as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 4".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 4".

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

- Sub-B4  
Sub-B5  
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11. An appliance according to claim 2, characterized in that the cutting means (13) has the form of a substantially straight cutting edge (15), which projects to a greater extent than the bar/bars (11).
  12. An appliance according to claim 4, characterized in that the cutting edge (15) is situated substantially half-way between two adjacent bars (11).
  13. An appliance according to claim 4, characterized in that the cutting edge (15) is situated on one side of the bar/bars (11).
  14. An appliance according to claim 2, characterized in that at least one of the jaws (8 or 9) has a fixture (17) to position the sleeve (4) and the hose (2) between the jaws (8, 9).